GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEALERSHIPS IN KASHMIR VALLEY
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether Indian Oil Corporation had invited applications for new dealerships in the Kashmir Valley way back in 1998 with an avowed preference to the unemployed youth;

(b): if so, the facts in this regard;

(c): whether the IOC has shelved these applications for over two years;

(d): if so, the reasons therefor;

(e): whether the corporation propose to handover new dealerships to existing dealers in disregard of the applications already invited for the purpose; and

(f): if so, the fate of the applications already pending with the corporation for the allotment of these dealerships?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): Indian Oil Corporation has advertised 2 retail outlet dealerships in districtSrinagar and one each in districts Badgaom, Pulwama and Anantnag in Kashmir Valley in 1998. Selection process including interviews of the locations advertised has been stayed from July, 1999 on account of announcement of General Elections and Model Code of Conduct coming into force.The Dealer Selection Boards have recentlybeen dissolved. Therefore, selection process for the locations advertised by the oil companies could not be completed.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): The pending applications will be considered by the new Dealer Selection Boards on their constitution.